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To the Members of the Isle of Wight Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1961.

The Birth Rate rose from 12.0 to 13.3.

The Still Birth Rate fell from 31.9 to 24.3.

The Death Rate rose from 12.9 to 15.1.

The Infantile Mortality Rate fell from 37.7 to 16.6.

The number of deaths from cancer rose to 56 of which 15 cases were due to cancer of the lung. Thirteen of the lung cancer cases occurred in males and 2 in females. Although these figures are so low as to be of little statistical significance the number of cases of lung cancer have almost doubled in the last twelve months.

While it is difficult for the older individuals in the community to alter their smoking habits it is of the greatest importance that the young should be discouraged from smoking cigarettes at all.

The fear of a remote death from cigarette smoking is unlikely to deter the young. Indeed one has only to visit a cinema in the Island to witness the serious position that exists in respect of the young cigarette smoker. In this respect television has a lot to answer for. In very many programmes hardly a move can be made without lighting up another cigarette.

Health Education on a shoe string budget can never hope to match the high power advertising of the manufacturers.

A cyclical outbreak of measles occurred during the year involving 473 cases but only 1 case was serious enough to be admitted to hospital and there were no deaths.

Three cases of food poisoning were notified.

Removal of person in need of care and attention.

During the year an 85 year old man who was living alone, in a progressive state of neglect, in spite of help afforded by his neighbours, was admitted to hospital under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act.

It gives me great pleasure to again thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support. My appreciation is also extended to my Public Health Staff for their unfailing diligence and loyal co-operation.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN MILLS,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS, 1961.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population (Registrar General's figures)	18,060
Area (in acres)	58,127
Number of habitable houses end of 1961	6,818
Rateable Value, as at 1st April, 1961 ...	£246,954
Sum represented by a penny rate (1960-61) ...	£988

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

Live birth rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	13.3
Comparative factor	1.15
Comparative Birth rate	15.3
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still births)	24.3
Crude Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	15.1
Comparative factor	0.76
Comparative Death rate	11.4
Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 (live and still births)	Nil.
Death rate of infants under one year of age :-	
All infants per 1,000 live births	16.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 live births ...	17.7
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegimate live births	Nil.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	56

Births.

The total number of live births was 241 of which 226 were legitimate and 15 illegitimate. The live birth rate was 13.3 per 1,000 living ; the birth rate for England and Wales being 17.4.

Infantile Mortality.

The Infant Mortality rate was 16.6 per 1,000 registered live births ; the rate for England and Wales generally was 21.6.

Deaths.

The total number of deaths was 272 which gives a death rate of 15.1 per 1,000 of the estimated resident population, the death rate for England and Wales being 12.0.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Cause.	*Male.*	*Female.*
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—
Tuberculosis, other	—	—
Syphilitic disease	2	—
Diphtheria	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
Measles	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	2	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	13	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	10
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	1
Diabetes	2	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system ...	22	27
Coronary disease, angina	28	21
Hypertension with heart disease	5	3
Other heart disease	9	28
Other circulatory disease	2	8
Influenza	—	—
Pneumonia	4	3
Bronchitis	6	2
Other diseases of respiratory system ...	1	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
Congenital malformations	2	—
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	9	11
Motor vehicle accidents	1	—
All other accidents	—	2
Suicide	1	2
Other violent causes	1	—
All causes	133	139

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease	*Total cases notified*	*Cases admitted to hospital*	*Deaths*
Measles	473	1	—
Scarlet Fever	7	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	3	—	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	1	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—
Pneumonia	—	—	7*
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	49	—	—
Acute Inf. Encephalitis ...	—	—	—
Acute Polioencephalitis ...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis — Paralytic	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis — Non Paralytic	—	—	—
Dysentery	2	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—
Totals	537	1	7

* *This figure includes certain types of Pneumonia which are not notifiable.*

AGE AT DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

Age.	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Puerperal Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Meningococcal Infection	Measles	Whooping Cough	Erysipelas	Acute Poliomyelitis	Food Poisoning	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Dysentery	Paratyphoid Fevers
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	7	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 and under 2	—	—	—	—	—	24	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 ,, ,, 3	—	—	—	—	—	50	2	—	—	1	—	—	—
3 ,, ,, 4	—	—	—	—	—	52	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
4 ,, ,, 5	—	—	—	—	—	51	6	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 ,, ,, 10	4	—	—	—	—	237	17	—	—	—	—	1	—
10 ,, ,, 15	3	—	—	—	1	45	11	—	—	—	—	1	—
15 ,, ,, 25	—	—	—	—	—	6	2	1	—	1	—	—	—
25 ,, ,, 35	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—
35 ,, ,, 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 ,, ,, 65	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	7	—	—	—	1	473	49	2	—	3	—	2	—

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases.					Deaths.				
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Totals	M.	F.	M.	F.	Totals	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 and under 5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 ,, ,, 10	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
10 ,, ,, 15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 ,, ,, 20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 ,, ,, 25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 ,, ,, 35	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35 ,, ,, 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 ,, ,, 55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 ,, ,, 65	3	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards	1	1	—	—	—	1	*1	—	—	—
Totals	6	4	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—

In addition to the new cases notified within the District 4 pulmonary male and 5 pulmonary female cases transferred from other areas during the year.

*Died from another cause.

EAST WIGHT.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Public water supplies over the whole area are provided by the Isle of Wight Water Board—an Authority which is responsible for supplies to the whole Island. During the year no complaints were received by the Public Health Department of the Rural District Council.

During the year new main extensions were provided at :—

Location.		*Diameter*	*Length in Yds.*
Bunkers Lane, Rookley	...	3ins.	78
Sainham Lane, Godshill	...	3ins.	69
Hale Common, Arreton	...	4ins.	1725
Lower Furlongs, Brading	...	4ins.	53

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Public conveniences are provided at Bembridge, Brading, Niton and Godshill. All public conveniences are small and are maintained by part-time attendants.

No additional conveniences were provided during the year and those in service continued to function without serious trouble. The usual incidents of abuse have arisen but, fortunately, these were the exception.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Main sewerage systems are provided in Apse Heath, Bembridge, Brading, Blackgang, Chillerton, Godshill, Niton and Whitwell.

DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE.

Apse Heath—to small Purification Works.

Bembridge—Since the new scheme came into operation in 1959, all sewage from the village has discharged by way of the sea outfall at Ethel Point. To avoid discharge on to the foreshore at Ethel Point during certain stages of the tide and

under certain wind conditions, work was put in hand to construct a holder tank for the purpose of retaining sewage during those times when tide flow makes a discharge on to the foreshore possible. Work was in progress but not completed at the end of the year.

Brading—To small disposal works in Wall Lane, Brading and effluent discharges into the river. During the year about 200 yards of the main outfall from Station Road to the sewage works was relaid. This work was necessary owing to settlement.

Blackgang—Sewage discharges into a tank at the head of the Chine from where it is pumped to a disposal works at some distance from the inhabited area. During the year there was some settlement in the main outfall at the head of the Chine and a short length of this outfall had to be relaid.

Chillerton—To settlement tanks and land irrigation system. This functions without trouble but cannot be considered as meeting the demands set by modern standards.

Godshill—To sewage disposal works. During the year, fairly large works of repair and maintenance were carried out at the disposal works ; this being the first major work carried out since the scheme was constructed.

Niton and Whitwell—To disposal works.

Small Sewage Disposal Plants are provided for a number of the Council's Housing Estates at :—

The Bower, Newchurch
Langbridge, Newchurch
West View, Chale
South View, Chale Green
Hazely Combe, Arreton
Pagham Place, Rookley
St. George's View, Rookley
Merstone

These small plants are desludged at intervals of 6—9 months and give rise to very little trouble.

Highwood Lane, Rookley:
A system of drainage serving a few cottages in Highwood Lane, Rookley, discharges into a settlement tank and thence by means of an effluent drain into a watercourse.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The refuse collection service continued to function in a satisfactory manner. The service covers the whole district. A weekly collection is given in the Parishes of Brading and Bembridge, and a fortnightly collection in all other parts of the district.

	No. of Vehicles.	*Total Mileage.*	*Disposal of Refuse.*
East Wight	One full-time in Bembridge and Brading One spends half time in East Wight, half time in West Wight	13,764	1.—Tip at Yaverland 2—Tip at Church Lane, Brading 3—Tip at Bleakdown, Godshill

BLEAKDOWN TIP.

In the past the tip at Bleakdown has operated without an attendant with the result that a very large amount of material has been brought in and dumped indiscriminately. During the year a man has been employed on the tip and a greater control exercised. Charges are made for waste brought in from other sources and the tip is now kept in a far more satisfactory condition.

LITTER BASKETS.

Requests for the provision of additional litter baskets still increase and during the holiday period dealing with litter is becoming a serious problem. In a spread-out rural area where there is only a fortnightly refuse collection very considerable difficulty is experienced in giving the necessary attention to litter baskets. The Council employ a number of local people and pay a small sum per year for the emptying of baskets but one cannot help feeling that the time is approaching when a far more comprehensive scheme will have to be considered.

CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE.

East Wight.

The Council do not own a cesspool emptier but hire a machine when required from Ryde, Sandown or Ventnor. A routine service is not in operation but pits are emptied upon application :—

1. If they have not been emptied within the past twelve months.
2. If they are overflowing or are likely to overflow in the near future.

As we have to depend on hiring from neighbouring authorities there are times when we have no machine available for urgent work. Delays are therefore unavoidable and although they are kept to a minimum, there have been occasions when pits have been awaiting attention for several weeks. The total demands on the R.D.C. are not sufficient to justify the purchase of an emptying machine.

No. of cesspools emptied (cost borne by rate charge) ... 300

No. of cesspools emptied (applicant bearing cost) ... 31

HOSTELS.

East Wight.

W.H.A. Hostel, Whitwell. Mains Water. Drainage to cesspool. Public refuse collection.

HOUSING.

East Wight.

20 new dwellings were erected by the Council during the year in East Wight.

Slum Clearance (East and West Wight).

Number of unfit houses demolished	Nil
Number of unfit houses closed	7
Number of families rehoused from these unfit houses	7

Improvement Grants.

The Rural District Council continued their policy of making Improvement Grants, and during the year 25 properties were improved under this scheme.

Assisted House Purchase and Loans to carry out repairs (East and West Wight).

During 1961 loans were made in respect of the purchase, construction, repair, improvement or alteration of 84 properties. The total amount paid in this respect was £104,500.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

There have been very considerable negotiations between the Island Authorities in an endeavour to agree a standard set of licence conditions and as a result the issue of licences has been long delayed. No licences were issued during the 1961 period. By the end of the year the position was more or less resolved, a standard set of licence conditions had been agreed, and measures were being taken to apply such conditions.

The main camping area in East Wight continues to be the Bembridge area with approximately 500 caravans on the major sites. In addition, a large tented area, mainly used by the Boys' Brigade and other youth organisations, becomes occupied during the school holidays.

SURFACE WATER FLOODING.

During very heavy rain early in the year and again in May, there were short periods of considerable flooding. Practically all the sewers in the area were surcharged and serious flooding took place in Bembridge and Brading. In May there was one occasion when the whole of the system of Bembridge was completely surcharged with surface water standing 6 inches deep over the greater part of Steyne Road and most of the domestic waste gullies were submerged. This was a condition about which one could do nothing beyond wait for the cessation of rain and the natural surface drainage to take place.

WORK OF PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF.

East Wight.

Houses inspected	49
Houses re-inspected	128
Cowstables and dairies	5
Food preparing premises	319
Meat and other foods inspection	117
Drains and sewers	315
Water supplies	12
Refuse collection	196
Various	474
New buildings and alterations	638
Total number of visits of inspection made ...	**2253**

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937, Parts I and VIII administered by the District Council:

East Wight.

1. INSPECTIONS (Part I of the Act).

For purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	36	56	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	31	30	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				—
Total	67	86	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they are reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars	*Number of cases in which defects were found*	
	Found	*Remedied*
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)		
Unsuitable or Defective ...	2	2
Total	2	2

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Outwork— Sections 110 and 111).

Nil.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The amount of unsound food dealt with during the year was as follows:—

Canned Meat	175 lb.
Tinned Fruit	85 lb.
Other Goods	—

WEST WIGHT.

WATER.

The rainfall for the year was 30.18 inches, and the average water consumption for the West Wight area was 526,700 gallons per day, compared with an average consumption for the previous year of 472,000 gallons per day.

87 samples of both treated and raw water supplies were examined, of which 65 per cent were classified as satisfactory.

During the year new main extensions were provided at:—

Location.	*Diameter*	*Length in Yds.*
Mill Lane, Brighstone	3ins.	411
Colwell Chine Road, Colwell ...	4ins.	264
Church Lane, Shalfleet ...	3ins.	95
St. James Close, Yarmouth ...	3ins.	55
Heytesbury Lane, Yarmouth ...	3ins.	76
Totland Road, Colwell	6ins.	128
Gaggerhill, Brighstone	2ins.	131
Gaggerhill, Brighstone	3ins.	7
High Street, Freshwater ...	3ins.	232

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Public conveniences are provided at Freshwater Bay, Freshwater (2), Totland, Totland Bay, Colwell and Alum Bay (by arrangement with the Needles Hotel). All conveniences are well maintained by a full-time attendant.

Public conveniences (chemical disposal type) are provided at Compton Bay near Freshwater. These are maintained by a part-time attendant.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Main sewerage systems are provided at Freshwater, Totland, Colwell Bay, Yarmouth and Shorwell Village.

New sewerage schemes for the villages of Brighstone and Calbourne were completed during the year and a full-time attendant has been appointed for the maintenance of these works and for Shorwell sewage works and the small sewage treatment installations throughout these parishes.

Disposal of Sewage.

Freshwater :	18in. diameter sea outfall at Norton extending 700 feet out from shore.
,,	(Brambles and Monks area)—Sea outfall at Linstone Chine, formerly "Military" sewer, now taken over by the Council.
Totland :	12in. diameter sewer sea outfall.
Yarmouth :	Sea outfall discharging 500 feet from the shore near end of Yarmouth Pier.
,,	6in. diameter sea outfall taking the drainage of four dwellings at top of the High Street.
Shorwell :	To sewage disposal works with purification by settlement tanks and aeration beds.
Bouldnor area : (Shalfleet Parish)	Ditto.
Brighstone :	Ditto.
Calbourne :	Ditto.

Brook—The former "Estate" sewer has been taken over by the Council. Treatment is by settlement tank (anaerobic treatment).

Small Sewage Purification Plants.

There is a small sewage purification plant in Shalfleet Village taking the drainage of some twenty Council houses and private properties.

Small sewage purification plants are provided at Porchfield, Thorley and Newbridge housing estates, and there is a small purification plant at Alum Bay dealing with the drainage of the Public Conveniences, the Needles Hotel and tea rooms.

Sewerage—Freshwater and Totland.

The "storm relief" sewer in Station Road, Freshwater, has been extended from Moa Place to the junction of High Street and Avenue Road. The work has been done in conjunction with the laying of a surface water relief sewer by the County Highways Department.

Linstone Chine Sewer Outfall.

Further temporary repairs have been carried out to this sewer following upon cliff subsidences. A scheme for the diversion of this sewer to the main sewer sea outfall at Norton has been submitted to the Ministry.

Brook Sewer.

Extensive repairs have been made to the old sewer which carried both soil and surface water. Most of the surface water drainage has been taken out of the old sewer and a new surface water sewer has been laid from Brook Farm to Brook Chine.

Newtown.

Improvements to the existing drainage system and a new sewage purification plant has been provided to the "Old Vicarage" Estate at Newtown (Calbourne parish).

REFUSE COLLECTION.

There is a weekly collection of refuse in the Parishes of Freshwater, Totland and Yarmouth, and a fortnightly collection in all other parishes in the West Wight. Refuse

is deposited by controlled tipping on the land reclamation area on the east bank of the River Yar estuary at Yarmouth, the disused clay pit in Copse Lane, Freshwater, and at Churchill's Quarry, Shalfleet.

	No. of Vehicles	*Refuse Collected, Cubic yds.*	*No. of Vehicle Loads*	*Total Mileage*	*Disposal of Refuse*
West Wight	One 18 cub. yd. used for Freshwater, Totland, and Yarmouth One 12 cub. yd. shared with East Wight	25,000 plus 500 (haulage by private contractor)	1,350	10,836	Yarmouth Land Reclamation Area; disused clay pit, Copse Lane, Freshwater, and Churchill's Quarry, Shalfleet

REFUSE TIPS.

The Yarmouth land reclamation area is now approaching completion and another site will have to be found for the disposal of the ever increasing amount of refuse collected.

CESSPIT EMPTYING SERVICE.

Premises are served by a cesspit emptying lorry on hire from Ryde Borough and Ventnor U.D.C.

Total number of cesspits or septic tanks cleansed 208.

HOSTELS.

West Wight.

Weston Manor Hostel, Totland. Mains water supply. Main drainage. Weekly collection of refuse.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960.

All caravan sites have been inspected and the operators informed of the requirements of the above Act.

HOUSING.

Thirty-four new dwellings were erected by the Council during the year in West Wight.

Private houses erected in **East** and **West** Wight—85.

Number of plans deposited and reported upon to the Council, **East** and **West** Wight—668.

SLUM CLEARANCE.

See East Wight Report.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND HOUSE PURCHASE LOANS.

During the year 30 properties in the West Wight were improved under the Improvement Grant Scheme.

ASSISTED HOUSE PURCHASE AND LOANS TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS.

See East Wight report.

COAST PROTECTION ACT.

Extensive cliff falls have occurred along the coast line from Totland Bay to The Warren endangering some property and the public services in Cliff Road. The Council is considering the report of their consulting engineers as to the means of stabilising the cliff and the need for a sea wall and groynes.

WORK OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

West Wight.

Houses inspected	110
Houses re-inspected	290
Cowstables and dairies	5
Food preparing premises	52
Meat and other foods inspection	26
Drains and sewers	550
Water supplies	25
Refuse collection	330
Various	386
New buildings and alterations	700
Total number of visits of inspection made ...	**2474**

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

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West Wight.

1. INSPECTIONS (Part I of the Act).

For purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	63	14	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	25	1	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	—	—	—	—
Total	88	15	4	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they are reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars	*No of cases in which defects were found*	
	Found	*Remedied*
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	1	1
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)		—
Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective (S.7)	4	2
Total	5	3

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Outwork—Sections 110 and 111).

Number of out-workers—30.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The following table shows the amount of unsound food dealt with during the year :—

Tinned Meat	130 lb.
Imported Meat	43 lb.
Home Killed Meat	52 lb.
Other Goods	Nil

FOOD AND DRUGS (MILK AND DAIRIES) ACTS, 1944.

Samples of milk were taken during the year from herds whose milk is retailed raw without heat treatment. These samples were examined at the Public Health Laboratory, Portsmouth, for the presence of live Tubercle Bacilli.

Number of samples taken for T.B. during the year 1960	170
Number of samples found to be positive	—
Number of samples in which Brucella Abortus was isolated	8